

regional and statewide transportation network. The widening will reduce traffic congestion and its resulting environmental impacts.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3288

Account: Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Name of requesting entity: Pinellas County, Florida

Address of requesting entity: 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756

Description: The \$300,000 will be used for the costs associated with replacement of the Beckett Bascule Bridge, which is the primary access route to and from the mainland for contiguous coastal communities in Pinellas County.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Name of requesting entity: Hillsborough Community College

Address of requesting entity: 39 Columbia Drive, Tampa, Florida 33606

Description: The \$200,000 will be used to replace the exterior skin on one of the college's buildings, improving safety and increasing energy efficiency.

#### COMMEMORATING BUFFALO CITY'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 22, 2009*

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of the Sesquicentennial celebration of Buffalo City, Wisconsin. Chartered in 1859, Buffalo City is a picturesque Wisconsin town nestled along the "National Scenic Byway" of Western Wisconsin's Great River Highway.

Buffalo City is the oldest incorporated city in Buffalo County. At one time, it was one of the smallest cities in the United States with an area encompassing just over six square miles. Steeped in history, Buffalo City was named after three brothers who raised buffalo on a bluff overlooking the city.

Buffalo City operates under a common council form of government headed by Mayor Bill Bruegger and consisting of four alderspersons. A town based in strong community ties, the common council holds regular monthly meetings for residents, council members, and the mayor to come together to discuss and act on pressing matters.

With a current population of just 972 residents, Buffalo City prides itself on being a close-knit community. Residents participate in such community activities as Little League, 4-H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Great River Anglers.

The town's location on Spring Lake, a backwater of the Mississippi River, serves as a beautiful backdrop for a variety of outdoor recreational activities for family and friends to enjoy. Scenic parks and nature trails offer picturesque views of the river and bluffs and make Buffalo City a visually striking town that is a great place to live, work, and play.

On July 3rd Mayor Bruegger, local leaders, and Buffalo City residents came together to celebrate Buffalo City's sesquicentennial with music, games, food, and fireworks. Today, I recognize Buffalo City's Sesquicentennial and join in their celebration.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 22, 2009*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding for the State of Delaware included in H.R. 3288, the Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Name of Intended Recipient: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location: Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Federal Lands

Name of Project: C & D Canal Trail Improvements

Project Description: The Act includes \$1,000,000 to transform over 13 miles of existing Army Corps service road on the north-side of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal—from Delaware City to Chesapeake City—into a multi-purpose recreation trail with associated amenities (trail heads, signage, and self-composting restroom facilities, and security). Creating a multi-purpose recreation trail on the existing service road would ensure a safer area for the residents of Delaware City (one of the fastest growing areas in the state of Delaware), Chesapeake City, and everywhere in between, to continue to enjoy the Canal.

Name of Intended Recipient: State of Delaware Department of Transportation

Location: 800 Bay Road, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Interstate Maintenance

Name of Project: Turnpike Improvement Project

Project Description: The Act includes \$500,000 to improve the safety and efficiency of two major routes along the Northeast Corridor. It consists of three phases designed to improve the movement and safety of interstate, regional and local traffic through this heavily traveled intersection. The three phases include: a redesign of the I-95/SR-1 interchange, adding a fifth lane to I-95, and reconfiguring the I-95 toll plaza in Newark, DE, to incorporate Highway Speed E-Z Pass toll lanes. This project is anticipated to reduce traffic congestion and improve overall safety.

Name of Intended Recipient: State of Delaware Department of Transportation

Location: 800 Bay Road, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Capital Improvement Grants

Name of Project: Wilmington to Newark Commuter Rail Improvement Program

Project Description: The Act includes \$2,000,000 to install a third commuter rail track along the northeast corridor, build a new Newark Rail Station, and purchase four commuter rail cars. This program expands capacity to permit expansion of commuter rail serv-

ices and increases reliability of intercity and commuter rail services. It will also assist in significantly reducing traffic congestion along the northeast corridor.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 22, 2009*

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE BUYER (IN-04)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hendricks County Board of Commissioners

Address of Requesting Entity: 355 S. Washington Street, Danville, IN 46122

Description of Request: Provides \$400,000 for the continuation of construction on the Ronald Reagan Parkway, which ultimately connects I-70 and the Indianapolis International Airport to I-65 in Indiana. With the original northern and southern segments of the project completed or underway, this project will focus on the construction of the middle segments from US 40 to the northern interchange with I-74, including the construction of the County Road 100S-200S segment and the road widening from US 36 to County Road 100N. The Ronald Reagan Parkway is a joint project between Hendricks County, Boone County, the Indianapolis International Airport, and the towns of Plainfield, Avon, and Brownsburg, Indiana. These partners are working together to develop a limited access roadway connecting I-70 and I-65 in west-central Indiana, offering business owners and residents a powerful impetus for future industrial, commercial and residential development. The completion of this corridor will provide a significant north south corridor in Indiana, mitigating congestion on I-465 and providing an efficient multi-modal linkage.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE BUYER (IN-04)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: White County Board of Commissioners, Indiana

Address of Requesting Entity: 110 N. Main Street, Monticello, IN 47960

Description of Request: Provides \$400,000 for the 6th Street Corridor Project which is a 5.25 mile corridor project that is a joint effort between the City of Monticello and White County, which consists of several smaller phases. The scope of the project is to widen 5.5 miles of an existing road to a new, 3 lane major urban arterial street capable of serving traffic volumes forecast to occur during the 20 year design life of the improvements. Principal intersections will be designed to include turn lanes and traffic signals will be installed as warranted. The proposed improvement is a three lane roadway surface consisting of 12 foot wide through lanes in each direction separated by a 14 foot wide two-way left turn

lane. Concrete curb and gutters will border the roadway. The goal of the corridor project is to provide relief for: (1) the current and impending mainline and intersection congestion, (2) the evident operational problems (crash frequency), and (3) the current impending seasonal congestion in downtown Monticello during the time when Indiana Beach is open creating a more direct alternate route. The improvements to the Sixth Street corridor will significantly benefit traffic destined to Indiana Beach and also many commercial, industrial and residential properties along the corridor by relieving current congestion.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE BUYER (IN-04)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Greater Lafayette Public Transportation Corp.

Address of Requesting Entity: CityBus, 1251 Canal Road, Lafayette, IN 47902

Description of Request: Provides \$450,000 for the redevelopment of Riehle Plaza which is a new transit transfer center. This transit hub will leverage existing linkages between CityBus, Greyhound and Amtrak commuter rail service. The saw tooth design of the transfer center accommodates enough buses for its existing operations in addition to accommodating potential growth. This design also provides designated parking for specific bus routes. For riders, this takes the guess work out of trying to locate their connections and provides better accessibility for disabled riders. The transfer center will also provide shelters which will keep riders protected from snow and rain in the winter and provide much needed shade in the hotter months. CityBus understands that for citizens to use transit, transit must work for them. The proposed transfer center has been designed with this in mind. A key component of the planned development is a downtown annex for Ivy Tech Community College. This will allow for easier access for students who are dually enrolled in both the Community College and Purdue University. Ivy Tech is filling a critical need for Purdue students that are not able fulfill their core curriculum graduation requirements at Purdue. At present, these students spend a minimum of an hour driving between the Purdue and Ivy Tech campuses. The Riehle Plaza site is less than two miles from Purdue and provides students a reliable transit option to get to and from class. A 20% local match is committed towards this project. The local match will be generated with revenue from CityBus and PMTF through the State of Indiana. This local match, and any Federal support, will be used to leverage greater private investment for the overall project. The Greater Lafayette Public Transportation Corporation is embarking on a proposal that will reshape downtown Lafayette into a livable, walkable and vibrant community. Nestled between two existing education centers, Purdue University and Ivy Tech Community College, the Riehle Plaza location is an ideal site for transit-oriented development. The project will provide much needed shelter for riders as well as better access to transit for disabled riders. It will also reduce vehicle miles traveled by creating a downtown annex for Ivy Tech Community College. Federal funds received for this project will help to leverage a private investment in the redevelopment of the Riehle Plaza area. This is a true public-private partnership. Already downtown

Lafayette has benefited from redevelopment that has been focused along Main Street. However, the area north of Main Street is ripe for redevelopment and will be greatly enhanced by the proposed project. The planned redevelopment has strong support from the cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette, Ivy Tech Community College and the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010:

##### REQUEST NUMBER 1

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: TCSP—Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 40 North Pennsylvania Ave.; Greensburg, PA 15601

Amount: \$750,000

Description of Request: Funding would be used for transportation improvements along the Jeannette Truck Route. The project will provide an improved route from Route 30 to the Jeannette Industrial Park by creating a new roadway connection between Division Street and Lowry Avenue. Federal funding would be used for design and construction of roadway improvements. These improvements will improve access to the Industrial Park and enhance the safety of motorists.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The Jeannette Truck Route appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

##### REQUEST NUMBER 2

Requesting Member: Congressman TIM MURPHY

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: AIP—Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington County Planning Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301

Amount: \$500,000

Description of Request: Due to increased aircraft operations, including heavier corporate traffic, the entire runway surface needs a bituminous overlay and grooving for safety and operational usefulness. In addition the project will help to repair deficient pavement on taxiways and T-hangar and ramp areas. This

project is important to meet the needs for safe infrastructure improvements to airport operations.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The Washington County Airport Runway 9/27 Overlay Project appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

#### HONORING PAUL M. WEYRICH

#### HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and express my gratitude for the life of Paul M. Weyrich, a stalwart leader in the conservative movement. More importantly, Paul Weyrich was a man of true character and one who is well-respected both in Washington and throughout the country.

Born in the Belle City of Racine, Wisconsin to Ignatius and Virginia Weyrich, Paul first became interested in politics during high school—eventually joining the Racine County Young Republicans and taking an interest in Barry Goldwater's presidential campaign.

Mr. Weyrich moved to Washington in 1966, taking a job as press secretary to Senator Gordon L. Allot of Colorado and later Carl T. Curtis, of Nebraska.

Dedicated to the promotion of conservative public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, and a strong national defense, Paul became frustrated by the lack of strong statistical research available to combat the growing anti-business tax and regulate liberals in Washington. To combat them, he sought to establish an effective and reasoned conservative voice in American public policy. Today, the Heritage Foundation is one of the largest—and certainly the most prominent—conservative think tanks in the world.

Not content, however, with only protecting the family wallet and local business from the sticky fingers of liberal politicians, Paul also wanted to defend traditional family values and religious freedom. His vision led to the creation of the Free Congress Research and Education Foundation, Christian Voice and the Moral Majority to rally the American public to the defense of traditional Judeo-Christian values.

A true visionary in outreach efforts and utilizing technology, Paul launched National Empowerment Television, a cable network designed to mobilize the religious right. Mr. Weyrich was truly one of the first conservatives to put emphasis on using the power of citizen initiatives. The efforts of his vision were felt worldwide.

From 1989 to 1996, Mr. Weyrich served as President of the Kreible Institute of the Free Congress Foundation, which was founded to train and support democracy movements in the states comprising the Former Soviet Empire. Today, millions experience the taste of freedom due in large part to his efforts.

Ronald Reagan said, "There are no constraints on the human mind, no walls around